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SUBJECT: CONDOLENCE MESSAGE TO FRAU VON DRENKMANN

1. MARTIN VAN HEUVEN, FORMER LEGAL ADVISOR IN BERLIN AND CLOSE FRIEND OF KAMMERGERICHTSPRAESIDENT AND MRS. VON DRENKMANN HAS REQUESTED THAT USBERLIN PASS MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE (PARA TWO BELOW) TO FRAU VON DRENKMANN UNLESS IT PERCEIVES SOME OBJECTION TO DOING SO.

2. BEGIN TEXT. QUOTE SHOCKED AND GRIEVED BY THE TRAGIC DEATH OF YOUR HUSBAND, MY WIFE AND I EXTEND OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY.

"IN TIME OF GREAT DIFFICULTY FOR BERLIN, KAMMERGERICHTS-PRAESIDENT VON DRENKMANN DEVOTED HIMSELF TO MAKING THE LEGAL SYSTEM IN BERLIN A RELEVANT AND IMPORTANT PART OF THE CITY'S POSTWAR INSTITUTIONS. TO THIS TASK HE BROUGHT HIS REMARKABLE QUALITIES OF INTELLIGENCE AND WISDOM, OF WIT AND GAIETY, AND OF COURAGE. HE WILL BE REMEMBERED WITH PRIDE AND AFFECTION FOR THIS SERVICE TO HIS COUNTRY. SIGNED MARTIN VAN HEUVEN, WOODROW WILSON SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, PRINCETON UNIVERSITY, PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY, FORMER US LEGAL ADVISOR, BERLIN. UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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